What Does San Francisco Mean For the Negro?

The Negro people have a direct stake in the success of the San Francisco Conference. All the peoples of the world, of every color, race or creed, want a chance to live decently, securely, and in peace. The United Nations meeting in San Francisco is a door to that opportunity.

How has this war against fascism been carried forward toward victory? Through the united planning and action of the anti-fascist nations, and particularly of the Big Three — the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain.

How can we carry forward the winning of a people's peace— the extermination of Jim Crowism and anti-Semitism; the abolition of unemployment and poverty; the end of the exploitation of colonial peoples? Through the same unity of aim and action for the tasks of peace as for the tasks of war.

There is no other way! We must press forward with determination toward the post-war goal of international unity, cooperation and democracy for which our great leader, President Roosevelt, labored and sacrificed his life.

A plan for such unity of aim and action has been drawn up in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. At the Yalta Conference in February, it was agreed by Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill that the representatives of all the United Nations—which in-

clude Ethiopia, Liberia, and Haiti—should meet at San Francisco on April 25 for the purpose of reviewing these proposals and reaching agreement upon a World Organization which can effectively perform the tasks of peace. The plan which the delegates draw up will then be submitted for ratification by their respective governments.

What Kind of World Organization?

Is this to be just another League of Nations? *NO!* Being born out of a war of democracy against fascism, and being created by the forces of democracy while the war is still in progress, this new international organization will be no artificially manufactured institution. It will be founded on the solid fact of international cooperation and unity *now existing.*

The two most powerful democracies in the world, the United States and the Soviet Union, will play a major role in the new organization—which was not true of the old League. These two Powers, together with Britain, China and France, will carry the main responsibility for maintaining security and peace in the world. They will have the authority to use various measures, including military force, to prevent aggression. The law of Might is Right, the subjugation of weaker nations by stronger nations, as in the rape of Ethiopia, will come to an end.

Besides preventing the outbreak of war, the new international organization will undertake to cure the social and economic conflicts and ailments among nations, which are the underlying causes of war. There must be no repetition of the world-wide depression of the last decade, which in this country took its heaviest toll of unemployment and suffering among the Negro people.

The way to prevent that from happening again is through a United Nations organization which will apply its collective effort to raising the living standards of the common man throughout the world, particularly the colonial peoples and others lowest down in the economic scale, and which will

greatly expand the flow of world trade and thus promote prosperity in all lands. The enemies of this program of world cooperation are the same ones who oppose progress and unity on the home front.

Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods Point Way to Better World

The Dumbarton Oaks proposals and the Bretton Woods agreements together form the basis of international political and economic cooperation leading to world-wide security and prosperity. With the adoption of these plans, Africans and other colonial peoples, as well as we in America, can confidently look forward to a better day.

We are fighting to make a better America for our Negro soldiers to come back to. On the home-front we are struggling for enactment of federal and state F.E.P.C. laws, for abolition of the poll tax, for the complete eradication of discrimination in the armed services. Important as these campaigns are—*and they must be won*—it must not be forgotten that the kind of America our boys come home to depends finally upon the kind of world we build out of the victory over fascism. No nation today can live by itself. No nation can enjoy democracy and security except as part of a worldwide system of democracy and security.

The Negro's future is bound up with America's future. America's future is bound up with the world's future. At this turning point in world history, at this most crucial moment in this country's history, Negro Americans will of necessity stand united with organized labor and all other democratic forces in the United States in supporting the successful outcome of the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations.

What YOU Can Do About It!

First of all, it is the responsibility of every citizen to be fully informed about the San Francisco Conference and the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods proposals. Organize discussions on these vital subjects among your friends and in your church, clubs, and other organizations. Watch for radio discussions. Movies have been made explaining both Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods; try to see them. Attend public rallies in your community.

(*Free explanatory material is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.*)

Second, let President Truman, the State Department, and your representatives in Congress know that the American people stand behind the Administration's program of international cooperation. Get the organizations to which you belong to send them resolutions to that effect.

Third, see that Congress approves the Bretton Woods plan, tariff reduction proposals, and the Charter of the new United Nations Organization agreed upon at San Francisco. The first two measures are now before Congress; find out whether your Congressman is supporting them. And get your Senator's pledge that the work of our country's delegates at San Francisco will be upheld by the Senate's ratification of the United Nations Charter.

It's YOUR Responsibility to Help Win a People's Peace!

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